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CITADEL BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPOINTS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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(EDMONTON) Edmonton's Citadel Theatre has appointed a dynamic new Executive Director to work with Artistic Director **Daryl Cloran** in continuing to evolve the Theatre's strategy and profile as a leader in Canadian theatre and a cultural hub in Edmonton.

Chantell Ghosh assumes her new role in January. Both she and Mr. Cloran are excited to work together in building on the tremendous legacy of former Artistic Director **Bob Baker** and Executive Director **Penny Ritco**.

For Ms. Ghosh, her new role also is a homecoming. She is a native Edmontonian who in recent years has been a senior marketing and communications leader with several U.S. firms. She leaves her role as Director of Brand Development with Spirit Airlines in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to take up the reins at the Citadel. Ms. Ghosh has a long-time engagement in the Arts and spent a year as Director of Marketing and Communications with the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre. She worked as a lawyer in Edmonton for 10 years prior to working in marketing and communications in the energy, travel and tourism and arts sectors for the last decade.

Storytelling has been at the heart of Ms. Ghosh's work over her career and she intends to help tell the Citadel's story to Edmontonians, Canadians and beyond.

"I am both inspired and humbled to join the team at the Citadel Theatre," said Ms. Ghosh. "I look forward to leveraging the goodwill and legacy of the talent that has led the theatre over the past 50 years and to building a bridge to the success for the next 50. We will focus on forging and growing community partnerships and promoting the Theatre beyond the Capital Region borders and highlighting our place as a thought leader in the City."

"We are thrilled to have Chantell join the Citadel as our new Executive Director," said Chair of the Citadel Board of Directors, **Sheila Witwicky**. "Her background in business and the arts make her the perfect candidate to help lead the theatre to a new level of impact in our community." Ms. Witwicky notes that the Board's search committee was assisted by Executive Search specialists Pekarsky + Co in a national search for a strong successor to build on the work of Ms. Ritco.

"Chantell is a perfect fit for the Citadel," said Citadel Artistic Director **Daryl Cloran**. "She's a true Edmontonian who believes in the importance of the Citadel to this city, plus she brings a wealth of international experience and perspective. I'm excited to welcome Chantell home to Edmonton, and here to the Citadel. I look forward to leading this great organization together!"

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